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To: New Jersey Organic Operations

Re: **USDA ORGANIC CERTIFICATION COST SHARE PROGRAM –
FILING DEADLINE EXTENDED**

On or about September 15, 2004 the New Jersey Department of Agriculture sent out application packets for the USDA Organic Cost Share Reimbursement Program.

In order to utilize other advertising venues to reach a larger percentage of the universe of applicants, the filing deadline for this program has been extended to Friday, December 10, 2004.

To qualify for reimbursement of up to 75 percent of its certification costs, an organic producer must have been inspected and certified and/or inspected and receiving continuation of certification during the period of **October 1, 2003 and September 30, 2004**. Certification must be through a USDA-accredited certifying agent.

Information and forms for this program are available on the Department's website at www.nj.gov/agriculture/forms.htm.

If you have questions in regard to this program, please contact Anne Marie Ference at (609) 777-0098 or via e-mail at anne.marie.ference@ag.state.nj.us.